

PORTLOE

Portloe is famous as a small, very picturesque fishing village and harbour, but at low water the Cove becomes a small beach.



The harbour and Cove at low water



TR2 5RE - From the A3078 road from Truro to [St.Mawes](#), 2.5kms south of the village of Tregony there is a road signposted to Portloe. The roads are somewhat of a maze in the area if you do not know them but Portloe is a further 3kms and well signposted. There is little or no road side parking in the village and parking restrictions so it is best to park in the car park on the right-hand side on entering the village. If you enter the village from the direction of St.Mawes and Veryan it is also well signposted; follow the road up through the village and the car park is a little way up on the left-hand side. To get to the beach involves a walk down the hill of about 280m to the harbour .



Road to the beach in winter



Stream flowing on to the beach from under the Lugger Hotel



Boats above the slipway



The beach and the Lugger Hotel



There is no beach at high water. At low water it is mostly sand with patches of shingle. Although the beach itself is not too attractive, the backdrop of Portloe certainly is. It is also incredibly sheltered.



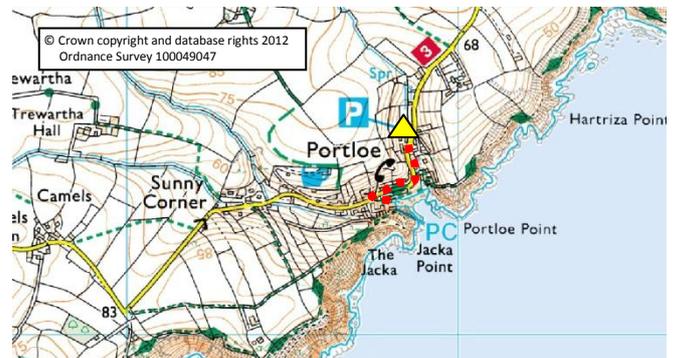
There is safety equipment above the beach. It is safe for swimming within the Cove but is unsuitable for surfing.



It is good for snorkelling and diving in and around the Cove when the tide is high. The few rock pools are of little significance.



There are no restrictions on dogs. There are toilets along the path leading out to Jacka Point. There are refreshments at the Post Office and there is a pub, hotel restaurant but there are no shops.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 105



The slipway can be used to launch dinghies, kayaks and similar small craft.



The quality of the stream water running across the beach is unknown and there is some doubt about the quality of the sea water although it is believed to be generally good. Portloe has much history of smuggling and has been the backdrop to many films and the well known TV series 'The Camomile Lawn'. Portloe means 'Cove Pool' in Cornish.